

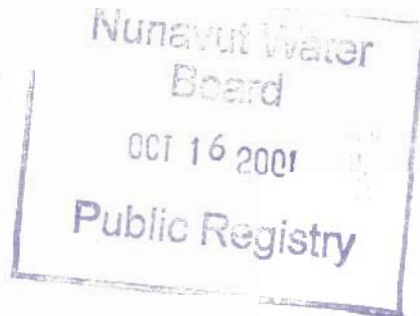


ECHO BAY MINES LTD.

October 15, 2001

Our File: NWB1ULU0008-Cont01
Your File: Water Register
NWB1ULU0008

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Dear Sir:

**RE: Echo Bay Mines Ltd., Lupin Gold Mine, Contwoyto Lake, NU.; Water Licence
NWB1ULU0008; Ulu Exploration Project - Contingency Plan**

As required by Part E, Item 1 of Water Licence NWB1ULU0008, please find attached three copies of the document entitled "**Contingency Plan; Ulu Exploration Project**", dated October, 2001.

This Plan has been prepared and submitted in follow-up to our letter of inquiry, February 19, 2001, requesting the clarification of wording within the recently issued Licence and the response letter from the NWB dated March 5, 2001 providing the clarification.

The Ulu Exploration Project was suspended in September of 1997, prior to the issuance of the Water Licence. Upon receiving the Licence a request was made of the Board to amend the Licence and suspend the requirement of numerous items that could be postponed until activity at the site resumed. One of these requests was that of the above noted Contingency Plan.

As the status at the site has remained unchanged in the past four years, the Contingency Plan submitted addresses all the processes at the Project location, however with respect to the fact that there is currently no employees on site. Regular visits to the site are carried out as noted in previous Annual Report submissions, although these visits are not scheduled.

Just recently, during the period of September 24th through to October 2nd a crew was at Ulu performing maintenance on the camp as identified in earlier visits (May 16th and August 1st). The personnel included a WeatherHaven representative to assist in repairs at the camp. Several plane loads of materials (including lubricants, rockbolts and other supplies) were brought back to Lupin to reduce inventory at Ulu and provide consumables for Lupin.

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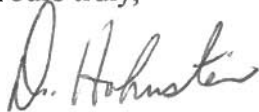


The Contingency Plan has been prepared with the understanding that personnel are not on site at the Ulu Project. If there were a requirement during an inspection of the site to respond to an incident, appropriate information would be available through the prepared Plan.

Upon resuming exploration activity at Ulu, the Plan will require revision to reflect the on-site capabilities of response and the personnel involved in the overall project.

Upon reviewing this information, should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned at your convenience at (780) 890-8794, Lupin.

Yours truly,



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Environmental Coordinator, Lupin

Enclosed.

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